

I support media diversity

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. In its goals to promote competition, diversity and localism in today's media market, I strongly believe that the FCC should retain all of the current media ownership rules now in question. These rules serve the public interest by limiting the market power of already huge companies in the broadcast industry.

I do not believe that the studies commissioned by the FCC accurately demonstrate the negative affects media deregulation and consolidation have had on media diversity. While there may be indeed be more sources of media than ever before, the spectrum of views presented have become more limited.

The right to carry on informed debate and discussion of current events is part of the founding philosophy of our nation. Our forefathers believed that democracy was best served by a diverse marketplace of ideas. If the FCC allows our media outlets to merge, our ability to have open, informed discussion with a wide variety of viewpoints will be compromised.

The public interest will best be served by preserving media ownership rules in question in this proceeding.

In addition to the official hearing on this matter in Richmond, VA, I strongly urge the FCC to hold additional hearings elsewhere around the nation to solicit the widest possible participation from the public which will be the most directly affected by the outcomes of these decisions. I think it is important for the FCC to not only consider the points of view of those with a financial interest in this issue, but also those with a social or civic interest.

With the serious impact these rule changes will have on our democracy, it is incumbent on the Commission to take the time to review these issues more thoroughly and allow the American people to have a meaningful say in the process. In effect the change will be interpreted by most Americans as Fascism thinly disguised as a business maneuver. The stations may be owned by one company no matter what subsidiary/ affiliates it may be, the same voice will be heard giving America the clear picture of the corporate take over /coup of what used to be The Peoples Airwaves. Please don't let this happen, it is not in any government bodies best interest in the long run..as we know the pendulum always swings back and the level of disfavour among voting citizens (if we still have those rights) will cause another one party system nightmare. The radio is our last check and balance venue, As a citizen I am urging you to look at the long term consequences of such actions and to think about the constitution and the values in which our Country is founded upon (and some of us take to heart and soul these principles)

If you are party to the rising wave of fascism in this country then you will be remembered for that. History has shown us that repeatedly. Monopolies always do fall and with it favour of the people. Please don't be party to such an Un American Act as to allow this de-regulation to happen. It is like saying that only the wealthy have the right to speak and use the airwaves..

Only the corporate victors have the right to express their opinions (only a small percent of America) don't allow the walmart ization of the airwaves. Sincerely, Stephanie Lee Monsanto

Thank you,

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